

**ISB Animal Law Section
Meeting Minutes
April 8, 2013**

I. Call to Order

a. Attendees:

- i. Susan Brooks
- ii. Wade Hyder
- iii. Eric Steven
- iv. Rick Freeman
- v. Sunrise Ayers
- vi. Ken McClure
- vii. Eileen DeShazo
- viii. Linda Pall

II. March Minutes

- a.** Approved by unanimous vote.

III. Newsletter

- a.** Waiting for a few submissions before publication; should have those by Friday (April 12), with a goal to publish in the next week or two.
- b.** Suggestions to include a legislative update, case law update, and information on upcoming events and CLEs. Will incorporate those suggestions into upcoming newsletters.

IV. Membership Recruitment/Status

- a.** Eileen reported she has contacted all Concordia law students and there appear to be 7 or 8 members who are interested in joining.
- b.** Suggestion to contact Dale Goble at UI to see if he might be interested in speaking about Wildlife Law in the future, and to promote section among UI students.
- c.** Suggestion to approach the Idaho Paralegal Association to increase membership of non-attorneys.

V. Bylaws-

- a.** We need three more signatures to get the bylaws officially approved and on file with the Bar Association. Shannon will follow up with Linda Pall and Susan Brooks regarding signatures, and will try to get a third member to sign. Should be able to get this done and filed with the Bar before the May meeting.

VI. At Large Member

- a.** Linda Pall expressed interest in taking the vacant At-Large Member position and was approved by unanimous vote. She needs to be added to the executive committee email list.

VII. Public Service Project

- a.** Discussed potential ideas for Public Service Project. Goal to get ideas to Heather before May 1st for discussion and voting at the May meeting.

VIII. Joint CLE in November

- a. Joint CLE on November 12th with the Tax and Probate Section. Need to line up speakers to cover the following suggested topics:
 1. The tax deduction for animal foster care expenses (see <http://www.catster.com/the-scoop/cat-rescuer-fights-the-irs-and-wins> for a non-academic reference to the case!) See Decision: <http://www.ustaxcourt.gov/InOpHistoric/VanDusen.TC.WPD.pdf> How to keep records and claim deductions under Van Dusen and the Internal Revenue Code
 2. Planning for your pets in wills, trusts and DPOAs
 3. Pet Protection Agreements
 4. Obtaining and keeping 501(c)(3) status for animal rescue groups
 5. Hobby farm tax rules
- b. Sunrise will follow up with Sue Graham about doing a section on pet trusts.
- c. **Other Potential Future CLE Options:**
 1. Linda Pall offered to do a walkthrough of *US v. Park* and her experience litigating animal cases in Idaho
 2. Would like to get a prosecutor in to talk about animal related prosecution issues. Sunrise offered to follow up on this.
 3. Wade Hyder has been in contact with the Idaho State Vet regarding doing a CLE, possibly for May. *Should follow up on this prior to the May meeting and get it on the agenda if possible.
 4. Linda also suggested doing a future CLE for cities and counties to offer training on conditional use policies relating to animal issues.

IX. CLE-Adam Karp

Animals & the Law of Section 1983

An overview of the most common claims made under 42 U.S.C. s 1983 relative to animal injury and death, with emphasis on Fourth Amendment seizures by gunshot.

X. Adjourn

Next Meeting: May 13, 2013